

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

An Extension of Time and the appropriate fee are filed herewith to extend the response period from August 22, 2002 to November 22, 2002.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as indicated below. A marked-up version of the changes made to the specification by the current amendment is attached hereto as Appendix A.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 27, and ending on page 7, line 2 with the following paragraph:

a1 **FIG. 1** illustrates the operation of a system **100** in accordance with one embodiment to control forward link power during a soft handoff. During a soft handoff, a mobile unit **102** communicates with a BTS **106** and a BTS **108** in a conventional fashion. That is, data frames are exchanged between the mobile unit **102** and the BTS **106** and the BTS **108**. The mobile unit **102** is initially communicating solely with the BTS **106**. As the mobile unit **102** changes location and begins to communicate with the BTS **108**, the power control (PC) bits from mobile unit **102** are received by both BTS **106** and BTS **108**.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 3, and ending on line 12 of the same page with the following paragraph:

a2 A mobile unit **102** is communicating with a base station controller (BSC) **104** via the base transceiver subsystem (BTS) **106** and/or the BTS **108**. A wireless communication link **112** couples the mobile unit **102** with the BTS **106**. It should be understood that the wireless communication link **112** includes both a forward link **112a** and a reverse link **112b**. The BTS **106** communicates with the BSC **104** via a

a2 conventional bi-directional communication link 114, or backhaul, in a well-known fashion. The Base Station Controller BSC 104 is coupled to a land line 110, such as a public switched telephone network (PSTN). The operation of the BSC 104 in communicating via the land line 110 is well known and need not be described in greater detail herein.
